GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2892
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2000
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating any steps to sharpen the existing codes to curb violence against women and their rights; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b) The National Commission for Women, which has a mandate to examine laws concerning constitutional and legal safeguards for women, has been advised to review 39 Central legislations affecting women. The National Commission for Women has made recommendations for amendment of 1 2 women related Acts, as per list attached. These have been sent to the concerned Ministries/Departments. The Government of India has also decided to set up a Task Force to review all existing legislations relating to women.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2892 FOR 14.3.2000 REGARDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN BY SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO

List of existing women related legislations recommended for amendments by the National Commission for Women

1. The Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987

2. Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961

3. The Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986

4. The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956

5. Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971
6. Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929

7 Family Courts Act, 1984

8. Foreign Marriage Act, 1969

9. Guardians and Wards Act, 1890
10. Indian Succession Act, 1925
11. Married women's Property Act, 1974
12. Hindu Marriage Act, 1957